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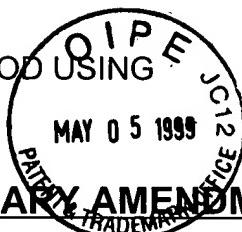
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Title: OPHTHALMIC SURGERY METHOD USING
NON-CONTACT SCANNING LASER

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Sir:

Prior to an action in the above captioned application, kindly enter
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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 24-36, 39-45, 48-50, 56, 59, 61, 62, 69, 70,
76-79, 82, 84, 86, 90, 91, 92, 95, 96 and 100 as follows:

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24. (Amended) A method for performing ophthalmic surgery,
comprising:
providing [pulsing] a laser [beam] outputting a pulsed laser beam
having [at] a repetition rate of at least 20 Hz, and an energy level of no greater
than 10 mJ per pulse from an output coupler of said laser;
applying said pulsed laser beam onto corneal tissue; and
scanning said pulsed laser beam in a substantially overlapping
pattern on said corneal tissue.

25. (Amended) A method for performing ophthalmic surgery
according to claim 24, wherein:
said pulsed laser beam [provides an energy level of no greater than
10 mJ per pulse to said corneal tissue] has a repetition rate of at least 50 Hz.